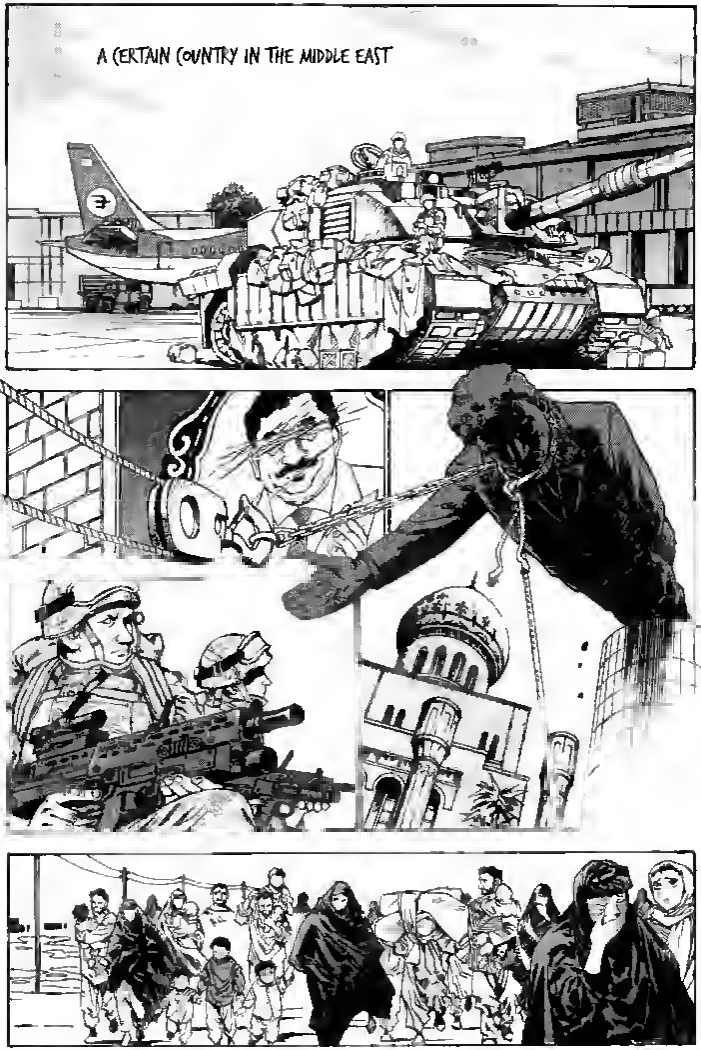
A CERTAIN COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

SHIT...
STOP THE INTRUDERS!!
ON ALLAH'S NAME, I WILL NOT FALL HERE!!
WE WILL BROADEN OUR ANTI-AMERICAN NETWORK...
CONTINUE TO MAKE THE MASSES PANIC.
AND FOCUS ALL OF THE WORLD'S BLAME ON AMERICA !!
THAT FUCKING CHIMPANZEE IN THE WHITE HOUSE!!
IF WE CAN OVERTHROW HIM !!

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BANG
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HUFF
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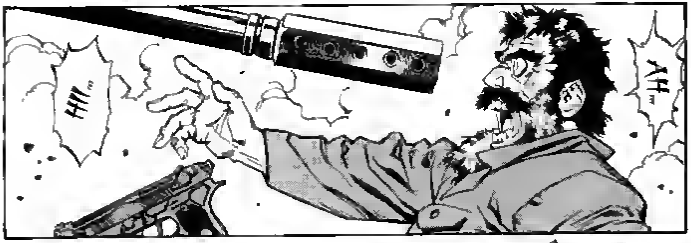
ACT 5: JOY AND SORROW

AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM.
YOUR EXCEL-LENCY.
WE'RE HERE TO RESTRAIN YOU.


HH!..
AH...

HELLO, MR. BREMMER? THIS IS THE D-SOLDIERS.
"THE BADGER HAS BEEN CAPTURED."
REQUESTING PERMISSION TO MOVE OUT.
KNEW IT. THE SIGNAL IN HERE IS SHIT.
THAT WAS BORING.
WE ALREADY FOUND HIM?
ズシャ...

YOU'VE GOT A 100% APPROVAL RATING WITH YOUR CITIZENS, RIGHT?
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GUARDS...?
CRUNCH CRUNCH
IT WAS LIKE THEY DIDN'T EVEN PUT UP A FIGHT.
RIGHT, PAJRA?
ズル..

INDRA... QUIT EATING PEOPLE
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
Gehehe
THE OTHERS MIGHT THINK LESS OF YOU

EVEN THIS LITTLE SHIT WHO KEEPS CLUSTER BOMBS AND URANIUM BOMBS IN HOUSING DISTRICTS,
VIOLATES THE GENEVA CONVENTION, AND TORTURES PRISONERS OF WAR
THINKS I'M DISGUSTING
IT'S LIKE A NEW AMERICAN JOKE
GEHEHE
WH... WHAT...
WH... WHO... WHO ARE YOU!?
ARE YOU AMERICAN SOLDIERS...!?
WE MAY HAVE THE AMERICAN MARINE LOGO STAMPED ON US,
BUT WE'RE MADE IN JAPAN
JAPAN...!?
I... IMPOSSIBLE!
WHY WOULD THE JAPANESE ARMY BE HERE!?
ON BUSINESS, WHY ELSE?

THE JAPANESE ARE ECONOMIC ANIMALS.
HEH.
GET IT?

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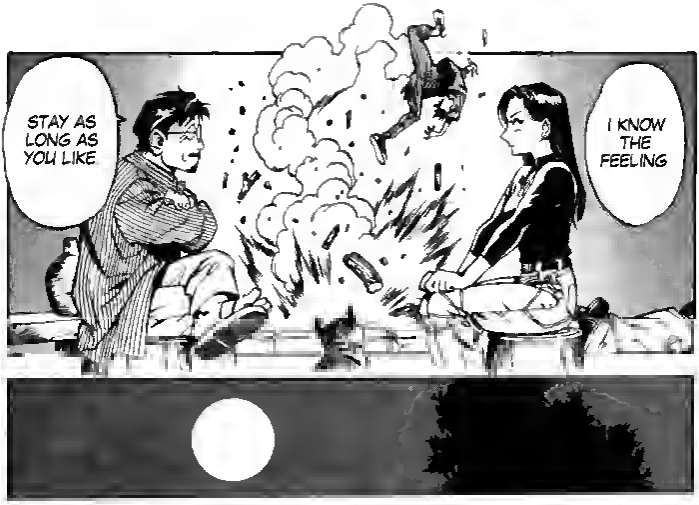
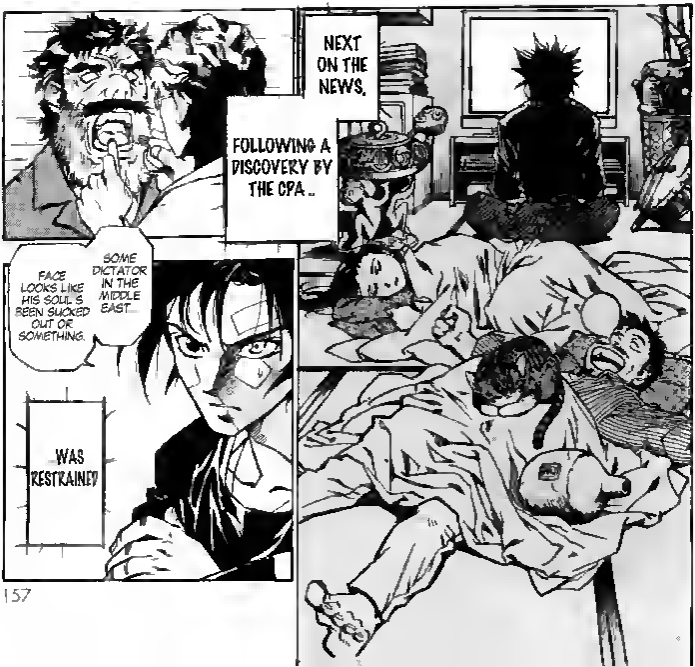
WHAT WAS IT
THAT MADE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU?
WAS IT YESTERDAY'S WIND OR
TOMORROW'S CLOUDS?
YESTERDAY WAS A DREAM, BUT ALL IS
NOTHING
THE SNOW HAS STOPPED AND ALL IS
NOTHING.
I WILL NEVER STOP AND ALL IS NOTHING.
I WILL RETURN AND NOTHING IS ALL.
THE NOTHINGNESS OF ALL IS THE
FREEDOM OF THE HEART
ALL IS NOTHING,
AND THE FLOWERS BLOOM.
NOTHING IS ALL,
AND THE FLOWERS SCATTER.
ALL IS NOTHING,
AND ALL IS PITIFUL.
NOTHING IS ALL,
AND ALL IS BEAUTIFUL.
LIVE TO THE FULLEST,
FOR ALL IS NOTHING.

COBRA TWIST
IT'S THE "GIMME A GLASS!" SECTION OF THE SERENADE OF THIS HERE SOUR FISH RESTAURANT
JUST A LITTLE SONG I WROTE.
NOW, DRINK UP!
AND HAVE SOME SWEET-FISH!
WE GOT SOME GOOD CATCHES TODAY!
AH.
I REMEM-BER!
YOU'RE THAT WRITER I SAW ON TV WHO WENT TO MEXICO TO WATCH LUCHA LIBRE!!
Oh, he got hit on TV!
THAT WASN'T THE ONLY REASON I WENT THERE!!

IT WAS ABOUT THE RISE AND FALL OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION THAT LIVED IN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA...
THAT WAS AN ACADEMIC SHOW THAT WENT AROUND VERIFYING HISTORICAL FACTS.
I didn't say that
YOU'RE ALREADY DRUNK...
UM...
AHH
MIKADO, IT'S RUDE TO CALL HIM
"A DUMB WRITER WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING OTHER THAN FISHING AND WRESTLING!"
I'VE GOT A FURNACE AND A LATHE TOO
And I've been collecting into some fossils I found out in the rocks.
DON'T THINK THAT THIS SOUR FISH RESTAURANT IS JUST A SHACK TO SELL THE CATCH OF THE DAY
LATELY, I'VE BEEN PRACTICING CALLIGRAPHY AND TEA CEREMONIES TOO
I'M ALSO GREAT AT MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND CANOEING
WHEN DOES HE ACTUALLY DO HIS JOB?
THIS STUFF'S GREAT!
C'MON ADMIT IT
AND I MADE THIS SAKE TOO, Y'KNOW?
COBRA TWIST

COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT TRIP TO MEXICO WAS WHEN I MET YOU, MAYA.
YOU WERE JUST A LITTLE KID, BUT YOU'VE GROWN SO BIG.
HOW'S PROFESSOR AKASHI?
HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
AND OLD CHAN KIN'S STILL HEALTHY?
SO MUCH IT'S UNFAIR!
THE TRUTH IS,
WE NEED A FAVOR FROM YOU.
WE'RE KINDA BEING CHASED BY A NATIONAL SECRET ORGANIZATION,
SO CAN WE CRASH HERE FOR A WHILE?


STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE
I KNOW THE FEELING


NEXT ON THE NEWS,
FOLLOWING A DISCOVERY BY THE CPA..
SOME DICTATOR IN THE MIDDLE EAST...
FACE LOOKS LIKE HIS SOUL'S BEEN SUCKED OUT OR SOMETHING.
...WAS RESTRAINED

THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THEM ON THE NEWS AT ALL.
AND THE WHOLE THING ON THE HIGHWAY LAST NIGHT...
THE DEATHS AT THE LAB IN YATSUGA-TAKE...
KNEW IT...
HIJIKATA SCIENCE
HIJIKATA AUTOMOBILE
HIJIKATA INDUSTRIES
HIJIKATA ONLINE SERV
HIJIKATA DISTRIBUTOR
HIJIKATA NETWORK SYSTEMS
HIJIKATA KOREA
TAIWAN HIJIKATA
"BUILDING THE FUTURE."
THIS PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HIJIKATA GROUP.
BUT... THESE WOUNDS ARE REAL.
I STILL DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON!
SHIT...
THAT COMPANY...
THE HIJIKATA GROUP...

WHO SHOULD I TRUST...?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?

MIKADO

IT WAS KILL OR BE KILLED
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO CHOOSE TO KILL
NO ONE WOULD BLAME YOU
I... KILLED SOMEONE
NO
THAT'S NOT IT
THE PROBLEM IS THAT I KILLED SOMEONE
AND I DON'T FEEL BAD AT ALL!
IS IT BECAUSE I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?
WILL I GET MY MEMORIES BACK?
TELL ME
IS THIS JUST THE KIND OF PERSON I AM...?
DID LOSING MY MEMORIES ALSO MAKE ME LOSE MY FEELINGS...?

BUT THEY ALL REGAINED THEIR MEMORIES WITHIN A MONTH.
EXPERIENCED AMNESIA AT THE TIME OF INFECTION, JUST LIKE YOU,
ALL OF THE ELEVEN D-I TYPES I OVERSAW
THEIR BODIES STARTED TO CHANGE...
AND... AT AROUND THE SAME TIME,
IS THAT GONNA HAPPEN TO ME TOO!?
BY PUTTING THE HOST IN A TRANCE-LIKE STATE AND MONITORING THEM, THEIR NEURAL ACTIVITY COULD BE MAINTAINED...
THE DV-1 WAS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THE DV-0 OR DOTHRAKI VIRUS ORIGINAL MADE TO WORK ON HUMANS.
AM I GOING TO TURN INTO SOMETHING LIKE THAT CAMRA FREAK!?
BUT THE END RESULT HAD TWO UNEXPECTED SIDE EFFECTS.

I'LL JUST STAY LIKE THIS!?
...SO I'M NOT GONNA CHANGE!?
PUT SIMPLY, CANNIBALISM.
THE FIRST WAS A DESIRE TO CONSUME OTHERS' FLESH.
THE SECOND WAS A PHYSICAL CHANGE OF FORM.
THE D-2 TYPES WERE CREATED WITH THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO COMBAT THESE TWO EFFECTS.
PRO-BABLY.
BUT EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT... YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY THE TEST CASE.

THE D-VIRUS ONLY ACTIVATES WITHIN PEOPLE'S BRAIN CELLS, SO EVEN THOUGH TESTS WERE RUN TO IMPROVE IT,
THERE WERE STILL A LOT OF DEATHS...
AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FROM THE DV-2 EXPERIMENT...
WHO'S STILL ALIVE.
HOW MANY DAYS...
HAS IT BEEN SINCE I WAS INFECTED?
TEN DAYS
...FUCK!!
ISN'T THERE A CURE!?
SOME WAY TO STOP THE VIRUS...!?

MY SMELL?
YOUR SMELL JUST CHANGED.
AH
IT'S PROBABLY A CHANGE IN YOUR ENDOCRINE SYSTEM.
YOU... WERE JUST EXERCISING, WEREN'T YOU...?

GODAI
KAWA-BATA
CATURA
THE HIJI KATA GROUP
THEY'RE ALL...
TRYING TO USE ME...
WHAT ABOUT YOU!?
ARE YOU TRYING TO USE ME TOO...?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO GET FROM ME?
IT MUST BE SO CONVENIENT FOR YOU THAT I DON'T HAVE MY MEMORIES...

I WON'T LET YOU USE MY PAST
TO MANIPULATE ME!!
GRIND
GRIND
IS THERE A CURE OR NOT!?
TELL ME!!

TRYING TO FOOL YOU!
I'M NOT...
DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME!
WH... WHAT!?
THESE WOUNDS...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO BEAR THEM

WAS THAT ?
UH... UM WHAT
I GUESS IT'S A BIT LATE TO ASK.
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HEH HEH
YEAH
PROBABLY
IT'S EASIER TO THINK..
IF I JUST BECOME ONE WITH YOU..
BEING INFLUENCED BY A WOMAN'S BELIEFS LEADS TO A MAN'S HAPPINESS,
IF IT'S A WOMAN WITH RESOLVE!
O
OKAY
AND I JUST...
WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE!
?
HUH ?

HUH...?
MIKADO...?
WH...
WHY...
AM
I...
CRYING...?
WHY?
HNNN

KOUYA-NI KEMONO DOUKOKUSU VOLUME 1— END